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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GHANAIAAN PROFESSOR PLANS POLITICAL ACTION

REF: GABORONE 0317

1. DR. ROBERT AMPOMAH, HEAD OF MATH DEPARTMENT AT UBS,
ASKED FOR BRIEF APPOINTMENT MARCH 16 TO GIVE ME HIS LATEST
THINKING ABOUT THE SITUATION IN GHANA.

2. AMPOMAH SAID HE REGULARLY RECEIVES REPORTS FROM FRIENDS
IN THE COUNTRY. THESE REPORTS NOW REFLECT A "BAD AND
WORSENING" SITUATION. ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION, THE
REFERENDUM TO BE HELD LATE THIS MONTH IS ATTEMPT BY PRESENT
GOVERNMENT TO PERPETUATE THEIR RULE, E.G., INSTALLING A
REGIME WHICH IS IN EFFECT A FRONT FOR THE CURRENT RULERS.

3. AMPOMAH SAID HIS SOURCES DESCRIBE THE SITUATION AS
"CONFUSING AND DANGEROUS" AND THEREFORE URGE THAT HE
NOT RETURN TO GHANA IN JUNE AS SCHEDULED (REFTEL). IF HE
RETURNED NOW, AMPOMAH WAS TOLD, HE WOULD RISK BEING
JAILED. AMPOMAH SAID HE HAS POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING
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IN HIS PRESENT JOB AND WANTED US TO KNOW HE INTENDS
TO DO SO.
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